

HOUSE No. 5337

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 25, 1998.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 298) of John C. Klimm relative to the fees of justices of the peace for performing marriages, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5337) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JOHN H. ROGERS.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FEES OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR PERFORMING MARRIAGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 35 of chapter 262 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line two, the word “forty-five” and inserting in
4 place thereof the words:— seventy-five.

1 SECTION 2. Section 35 of chapter 262 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line three, the word “sixty” and inserting in place
4 thereof the words:— one hundred.

1 SECTION 3. Section 35 of chapter 262 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is further amended by
3 adding at the end thereof the following new sentence:— Any
4 justice of the peace who recites, quotes, advertises, or otherwise
5 publishes to another, or charges same, any fee in excess of that
6 which is specifically prescribed herein, except for any additional
7 charges allowed herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more
8 than \$5,000 for each offense or by imprisonment of not more than
9 two years in a jail or house of correction, or both.

1 SECTION 4. Section 39 of chapter 207 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding at the end of the third paragraph the following new
4 sentence:— Provided, however, that no person may be so desig-
5 nated and certified more than two times in one calendar year.